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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:  
NAOAKI KITAGAWA ET AL.

Confirmation Number: 1661

Application No.: 09/662,937

Group Art Unit: 1753

Filed: September 15, 2000

Examiner: STEVEN H. VERSTEEG

For: BRIGHT SURFACES STRUCTURE AND A MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

## FEES

The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:



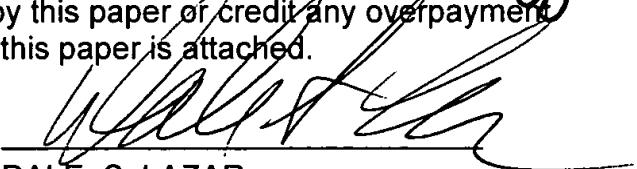
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A surface structure formed on an aluminum wheel for an automobile, said structure comprising:
  - (a) a resin film coated on said aluminum wheel; and
  - (b) a thin metal film formed on said resin film, wherein said thin metal film is made from a titanium-aluminum alloy containing 20-50% by weight of titanium and 80-50% by weight of aluminum, said thin metal film having a homogenous composition throughout a whole thickness of said thin metal film and having a color similar to [[pure]] chrome.
2. (Withdrawn) A structure according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - (c) a clear protective film coated on said thin metal film.
3. (Currently Amended) A surface structure formed on an aluminum wheel for an automobile, said structure comprising:
  - (a) a resin film coated on said aluminum wheel;